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## SUMMARY OF BUSINESS TRENDS

$\mathbf{R}^{1}$ISING steel production has served to push the weekly indexes of industrial activity into higher ground. Ingot output reached 80.3 percent of capacity for the current week, as the prospective demand for armament materials combined with heavy export orders caused both steel producers and industrial consumers to anticipate the possibility of supply difficulties in the near future. Additional heavy defense appropriations were asked of Congress by the President in a message of May 31.

The sharp rise in steel production is not matched by comparable developments in other lines either of the durable or nondurable types. With large inventories of new cars and declining retail sales after the good showing of early May, automobile plants did not reopen until Monday after the holiday last Thursday. Production for the 3-day week totaled 60,980 units, for an aggregate of about 415,000 for the month, a decline from April on a seasonally adjusted basis. Similarly, the de-partment-store sales data for the week ended May 25 did not make a good showing. Paper production is an outstanding
exception; this industry has experienced a substantially raisec level of operations since the invasion of Norway.

Freight carloadings provide one of the few indications that the rise in business may extend over a broader front than is indicated by the production data available on a weekly basis. Total carloadings increased more than seasonally in the week ended May 25. Loadings of miscellaneous freight held steady after seven successive increases. While coal, livestock, and l. c. I. shipments were off last week, the daily average for the month to date was higher than in April. Ore shipments have shown the largest gains and grain carloadings the only loss in recent weeks.

Construction activity has been well maintained and the hesitancy indicated by the most recent statistics on work initiated is not a conclusive indication of change in this basic field of activity. The number of F. H. A. mortgages selected for appraisal show a drop in recent weeks (see chart below), but were substantially above the 1939 level.

SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS


## WEEKLY BUSINESS INDICATORS*

[Weekly average, $1923-1925=100$ ]


WEEKLY BUSINESS STATISTICS•


MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS

| Monthly statistics through December 1937, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data, may be found in the 1838 Supplement to the Survey | 1940 | 1939 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1940 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | May | May | June | July | August | Septem- | October | November | $\overline{\substack{\text { Decen } \\ \text { ber }}}$ | $\underset{\text { ary }}{\substack{\text { anu }}}$ | February | March | April |
| COMMODITY PRICES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prices received by farmers (U. S. Department of Agriculture): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Combined index-.-------....-1909-14=100.. | 98 | 90 | 89 | 89 | 88 | 98 | 97 | 97 | 96 | 99 | 101 | 97 | 98 |
| Chicken | 84 | 85 | ${ }_{73}^{83}$ | 89 | 90 | 102 | 108 | 117 | 97 | 91 | 98 | 83 | 85 |
|  | 106 | 72 02 | 94 | ${ }_{96}$ | 100 | 107 | 112 | 117 | 118 | 119 | 118 | 114 | 110 |
|  | 88 | 85 | 93 | 80 | 70 | 73 | 73 | 66 | 65 | 66 | 76 | 73 | 81 |
|  | 92 | 72 | 73 | 60 | 64 | 83 | 77 | 79 | 87 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 96 |
|  | 108 | 112 | 107 | 107 | 101 | 117 | 112 | 107 | 101 | 103 | 101 | 102 | 104 |
|  | 133 101 | 88 83 | 105 81 | 89 89 | 199 100 | 117 98 | 128 94 | 123 98 | ${ }^{96} 104$ | 117 | 168 107 | 128 101 | 145 100 |
| FINANCE <br> Pages 54, 62, 65, 75, 76 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Banking: <br> Pages 54, 62, 65, 75, 76 <br> Federal Reserve banks, condition, end of month: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Assets (resources), total. $\qquad$ mil. of dol.. Reserve bank credit outstanding, total mil. of dol. | 20,685 | 16,922 | 17,172 | 17,348 | 17,823 | 18,602 | 18,779 | 18,740 | 19,027 | 19,223 | 19,497 | 19,677 | 20,042 |
|  | 2. 519 | 2,573 | 2,579 | 2,486 | 2,446 |  | 2,801 | 2,650 |  |  |  | 2, 529 | 2,518 |
| Bills bought |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United States | 17,3 | 2.564 | - ${ }_{13,551}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 14,230 |  |  |  | 14,661 | 15,013 | 15,178 | 15,295 | + ${ }^{2,484}$ | - 2,477 | 16, ${ }^{2,48}$ | 2,475 | 2,467 |
| Resold certificate | 16,904 | $\begin{aligned} & 13,326 \\ & 16,922 \end{aligned}$ | 13, ${ }^{1324}$ | ${ }^{13,878}$ | 14, 321 | 14,679 | 14,838 | 14,976 | 15,209 | $\begin{aligned} & 15,561 \\ & 19,223 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15,813 \\ & 19,497 \end{aligned}$ | 18,07619,677 |  |
|  |  |  | 17,172 | 17,348 | 12,247 | 18,602 | 18,779 | 18,740 | 19, 027 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 14,575 | 11,535 | 11, 701 | 11,952 |  | 12,953 | 12, 888 | 12,865 | 12,941 | 13, 422 | 13, 630 | 13,815 | 14,162 |
| Excess reserves (estimated) | $\begin{array}{r} 13.237 \\ 6,385 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 10,018 \\ 4,140 \end{array}$ | 11,5074,553 | 10,9184,758 | 11,655 | 11,973 | 11,628 | 11,653 | 12,150 | 12,328 | 12,423 |  |
|  |  | 10,029 4,218 |  |  |  |  | 5,553 | 3, 160 | 5,209 | 5,559 | 5,692 | 5,828 | 6,149 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Federal Reserve notes in circulation } \\ \text { mil. of dol... } \end{gathered}$ | $6,385$ | 4,47785.4 | 4,511$\$ 5.6$ | 4,53086.3 | 4,63186.9 | 4,72085.0 | 4,77385.5 | 4,862 | 4,95986.7 | 4,832 | 4,872 | $\begin{gathered} 4.931 \\ 87.8 \end{gathered}$ | 4,94188.0 |
| Reserve ratio-..............-...---- percent.- | $5,057$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 87.5 |  |  |  |
| Monetary statistics: <br> Foreign exchange rates: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Foreign exchange rates: ${ }_{\text {Argentina.........dol. per paper peso .. }}$ | . 298 | 312 | 312 | . 312 | . 311 | (1) | . 298 | . 298 | . 298 | . 298 | : 298 | $\begin{array}{r}.298 \\ .170 \\ \hline 18\end{array}$ | . 298 |
| Aelgium.-..-...............--dol. per belga-- | . 167 | . 170 | . 170 | . 170 | . 170 | . 170 | . 167 | . 165 | . 166 |  | :169 |  | .169.842 |
| Canada.............-. doi. per Canadian dol.- | : 810 | . 996 | -998 | . 998 | . 905 | . 913 | . 893 | . 878 | . 876 | . 880 | . 867 | . 829 |  |
| France-.................-.--dol. per franc-- | . 019 | . 026 | . 0280 | . 026 | . 026 | . 023 | . 023 | . 022 | . 022 | . 022 | . 022 | . 021 | . 8020 |
|  | . 400 | . 401 |  | . 5331 | . 3895 | . 339 | . 531 | . 531 | . 531 | . 401 | . 531 | . 531 | $\begin{array}{r} .401 \\ .531 \\ .237 \\ 3.526 \end{array}$ |
| Sweden | . 238 | 241 | 241 | . 241 | . 240 | . 238 | . 238 | . 238 | 238 | 238 | . 238 | . 238 |  |
|  | 3. 274 | 4. 681 | 4.682 | 4.681 | 4.611 | 3.995 | 4.011 | 3.925 | 3. 930 | 3. 964 | 3. 963 | 3.759 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public issues: | 42,808 | 40,286 | 40,445 | 40,666 | 40,806 | 40,861 | 41,040 |  |  | 42, 110 | $\begin{array}{r} 37,493 \\ 526 \end{array}$ | $37,513$ | $\begin{array}{r} 42,658 \\ 37,620 \\ 541 \end{array}$ |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 37,668 \\ 555 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 36,089 \\ 531 \end{array}$ | 36,122 554 | $\begin{array}{r} 36,200 \\ 548 \end{array}$ | $36,261$ | $\begin{aligned} & 36,282 \\ & 516 \end{aligned}$ | $36, \frac{421}{510}$ | $\text { 36, } 517$ | $\begin{array}{r} 37,234 \\ 496 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 37,364 \\ 509 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| Special issues to gov't agencies and trust |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| funds**--.---..-......-- mil. of dol.. | $\begin{array}{r} 4,585 \\ 26,479 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,666 \\ 25,318 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,770 \\ 24,517 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,918 \\ 25,528 \end{array}$ | 4,094 | 4,083 | 4, 109 32 | 4,295 2,049 | 4.231 27.814 | 4,256 35,788 | 4, ${ }^{4,356}$ 25,651 | - ${ }_{28,471}$ | 4,496 26,479 |
| Recesipts, customs-.----------thous. of dol.. |  |  |  |  | 27, 213 | 35, 595 | 32,418 | 20,049 | 27,814 | 35,788 | 25,651 | 28,702 | 26,479 |
| Security markets: Stocks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dividend declarations (N. Y. Times): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total-ation thous. of dol.. | 449,981 | 377, 394 | 220, 175 | ${ }_{1671}^{181}{ }^{163}$ | 310, 284 | 193, 698 | 199,969 | 659, 512 | 330, 392 | ${ }_{2151}^{231,651}$ | ${ }_{323,201}^{338,366}$ | 213, ${ }^{2162}$ | 180, ${ }^{1767}$ |
|  | 420,278 29,703 | 358,417 18,976 | 200,638 19,477 | 13,866 | 24,116 | 2,334 | 7,053 | 51,362 | 18, 596 | 16, 064 | 15, 165 | 2,528 | 3,704 |
| Prices: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dow-Jones \& Co., Inc. (65 stocks): ${ }_{\text {dol. per share.. }}$ |  |  |  |  | 46.47 | 50.47 | 51.80 | 51.01 | 50.01 | 49.72 | 49.44 | 49.15 | 49.92 |
| Industrials (30 stocks) .-..-...-do.... | 133.48 | 132. 56 | ${ }^{136.52}$ | 139.86 | 136789 | 150.72 | 152.15 | 149.98 | 148. 54 | 147.60 | 147.29 | 147.13 | 148.91 |
| Public utilities (15 stocks)......-- do | 21.45 | ${ }_{23} 05$ | ${ }_{23} 66$ | 24.96 | 25.68 | 24.36 | 25.64 | 25.68 | 25.00 | 25.44 | 24.87 | 24.26 | ${ }^{25.09}$ |
| Rails (20 stocks)............-----do- | 26.52 | 27.02 | 27.59 | 28.29 | 27.67 | 31.97 | 34.27 | 33.38 | 31.63 | 31.09 | 30.83 | 30.45 | 31.00 |
| TRANSPORTATION AND <br> COMMUNICATIONS Page 85 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Class I steam railways: <br> Freight-carloadings (A. A. $R$ ): 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trotal cars | 2,713 |  |  | 2,549 | 2,689 | 3,844 | 3,375 |  | 3, 262. | 2, 555 |  | 3, 123 | 2494 |
|  | - 470 | - 288 | 3, 503 | 2, 420 | ${ }^{2} 476$ | 740 | ${ }^{2} 676$ | $-601$ | ${ }^{3} \mathbf{6} 61$ | 643 | 571 |  |  |
|  | 33 | 19 | 28 | 24 | 27 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 59 | 50 | 43 | 45 |  |
| Forest products...------.-.......-do. | 134 | 121 | 151 | 118 | 126 | 171 | 152 | 142 | 155 | 115 | 121 | 160 | 139 |
| Grains and grain products......-.- do...- | 126 47 | -136 | 202 50 | 200 44 | $\begin{array}{r}170 \\ 48 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 219 90 | 185 84 84 | 148 67 | ${ }_{63} 17$ | 117 50 | $\begin{array}{r}123 \\ 43 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 163 <br> 53 | 131 45 |
|  | 597 | 612 | 744 | 583 | 615 | 780 | 640 | 616 | 716 | 554 | 571 | 741 | 595 |
|  | 195 | 121 | 209 | 167 | 192 | 277 | 253 | 182 | 55 | 38 | 39 974 | 1, ${ }_{284}^{51}$ | 59 1,062 |
| Miscellaneous.------------...---- ${ }^{\text {do. }}$ | 1,112 | 1,016 | 1,261 | 983 | 1,034 | 1,523 | 1,358 | 1,236 | 1,371 | 989 | 974 | 1,284 | 1,062 |
| FOODSTUUFS Grains and grain products ( 108 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crains and grain products (principal markets): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Receipts....-.---.-.-.-...-.--thous. of bu-. | 13, 116 | 23, 333 | 17,381 | 11, 864 | 9,880 | 22,655 | 31,609 | 26,723 | 21,923 | 12,611 | 13,126 | 11,996 | 11,690 |
|  | 17,316 | 20, 170 | 17,042 | 12,759 | 12,077 | 11,584 | 13, 135 | 15,893 | 9,469 | 8,125 | 7,777 | 5,955 | 9,633 |
| Receipts | 3,026 | 6,303 | 4,540 | 6,673 | 18,625 | 12,528 | 6,261 | 5,632 | 4,756 | 4,327 | 4,926 | 4,751 | 4, 178 |
| Wheat: Receipts ...........-.-..............do |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 18,525 | 16,851 | 14, 423 | ${ }^{30,840}$ | 22,791 | 24, 495 | 16,856 | 14,936 | 13,086 | 8,834 | 7,403 | 8,659 | 9,459 |
| METALS AND MANUFACTURES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nonferrous metals: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tin: Deliveries ......................long tons. |  |  |  |  | 6,295 | 5,050 |  | 7,870 | 11,366 | 9,780 | 6,600 | 9,244 | 7,855 |
| Visible supply, world, end of mo.t.... do..- | 28, 873 | 33, 715 | 30, 039 | 29, 615 | 26,338 | 31, 168 | 38,206 | 38,035 | 38,280 | 35, 578 | 33, 148 | 32, 339 | 32, 239 |
| - United States...-...................do.-- | 3,677 | 3,387 | 4,388 | 5,339 | 3,613 | 3, 413 | 3,536 | 3,283 | 3,302 | 1,749 | 2,078 | 2,635 | 2,064 |

[^0]New Series. New items for Federal gross debt beginning June 1916 appear in table 21 , p. 16 of the April 1939 Survey.
-Revised series. World visible supply of tin revised beginning January 1935; revisions not shown on p. 50 of the November 1939 Surver will appear in a sub-
†Revised series. World visible supply of tin revised beginning January 1935; revisions not shown on p.
sequent issue.
IData for June, September, and December 1939 and March 1940 are for 5 weeks; other months, 4 weeks.

## MONTHLY BUSINESS STATISTICS-Continued

| Monthly statistics through December 1937, together with explanatory notes and references to the sources of the data, may be found in the 1938 Supplement to the Surveg | 1940 | 1939 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1940 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | April | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | Decem- ber | $\begin{gathered} \text { Janut• } \\ \text { ary } \end{gathered}$ | February | March |
| EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS ANDPages $39,44,47$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Labor conditions: <br> National Industrial Conference Board (25 industries): <br> Average weekly hours per worker in fac- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A verage weekly hours per worker in factoriest | 37.6 | 36.8 | 36,5 | 37.1 | 37.1 | 37.9 | 38.2 | 39.0 | 39.1 | 39.1 | 38.7 | 38.0 | 37.7 |
|  | 3.05 | 2.93 | 3.29 | 3.92 | 4.16 | 5.06 | 6.17 | 5.89 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accossion rate._mo. rate per 100 employees-- Soparation rate: |  |  |  |  | 4.16 | 5.06 | 6.17 | 5.89 | 4.10 | 2.84 | 3.74 | 2.98 | 2.94 |
| Total..-...--------------......- do | 3. 66 | 3.46 | 3. 48 | 3. 31 | 3. 36 | 3. 01 | 2. 79 | 2.91 | 2.95 | 3. 46 | 3.43 | 3. 56 | 3.46 |
| Discharge | . 13 | - 10 | ${ }^{1} 86$ | ${ }^{12} 12$ | ${ }_{2} .12$ | ${ }_{2}{ }^{14}$ | . 14 | ${ }^{1} 17$ | . 15 | ${ }^{12}$ | + ${ }^{14}$ | 16 | . 15 |
|  | 2.69 .84 | 2.60 .76 | 2.67 .68 | 2.46 .73 | 2.54 .70 | 2.05 .82 | 1.58 1.07 | 1.81 -.93 | 1.97 .83 | $\begin{array}{r}2.85 \\ \hline .69\end{array}$ | 2.55 .74 | 2.67 .73 | 2.53 .78 |
| Wages: $\dagger$ <br> National Industrial Conference Board (25 industries): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Factory average weekly earnings..dollars.. Factory average hourly earnings......do.... | 27.66 .734 | 26.27 .717 | 26.19 .720 | 26. 67 .721 | 26.64 .721 | 27.29 .720 | 27.58 .722 | 28.24 .724 | $\begin{array}{r}28.49 \\ \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}28.49 \\ \hline .729\end{array}$ | 28. . 727 | $\begin{array}{r}27.61 \\ \stackrel{.728}{ } \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 27.61 . 731 |
| CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vegetable oils and products: Oleomargarine: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consumption (tax-paid withdrawtis) thons. of $1 \mathrm{~b} .-$ | 27, 580 | 23,622 | 22,827 | 20,745 | 20, 114 | 21,206 | 27,918 | 23,676 | 27, 719 | 25,737 | 29,409 | 28, 474 | 26,828 |
| Price, wholesale, standard, uncolored (Chlcaro) .-...............................dol. per 1b. |  |  |  |  | 135 |  | 124 | . 123 | . 128 | 120 | 120 | 120 | 120 |
| Paint sales: <br> Plastic paints, cold-water paints, and celci- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Plastic paints. thous. of dol.-Cold-water paints: $\qquad$ | 54 | 46 | 45 | 43 | 44 | 46 | 49 | 40 | 34 | 32 | 34 | 42 | 54 |
| In dry form.........-................ do | 234 | 210 | 230 | 206 | 156 | 154 | 171 | 178 | 153 | 159 | 140 | 133 | 186 |
| In paste form.....-.-........-- | ${ }_{272}^{382}$ | 317 828 | 338 305 | 309 21 | 227 | ${ }_{255}^{287}$ | 289 | ${ }_{233}^{270}$ | ${ }_{213}^{206}$ | ${ }_{203}^{277}$ | ${ }_{295}^{252}$ | 204 186 | 320 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 36, 206 | 32, 666 | 40,138 | 36,886 | 29,472 | 33, 087 | 36,960 | 34, 540 | 29,396 | 25,934 | 27,605 | 25,530 | 30,370 |
|  | ${ }^{26,552}$ | 23, 830 | 28,546 | 26, 197 | 20,769 | 23,413 | 25,515 | 24,995 | 21,772 | 19,333 | 20, 458 | 18,806 | 22,610 |
| Industrial | 10,972 | 9,469 1439 | ${ }_{\text {9, }}^{6,611}$ | 9,781 | 8, 199 | 9,309 | 10,420 | 10,976 | 10,234 | 9,409 | 9, ${ }^{\text {, }}$, 461 | 8,920 | 10, 080 |
|  | -15, ${ }^{1}$ | +8,836 | 11,592 | 10,690 10,46 | - $\begin{array}{r}12,703 \\ 8,709\end{array}$ | $\xrightarrow{\mathbf{9}, 674}$ | 11,445 | - 8,544 | 71,624 | 6.602 | 10,405 7,210 | 6, <br> 8829 | - |
| LEATHER AND PRODUCTS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leather manufactures: Shoes: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Production, boots, shoes, and slippers: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total ----------.---.- thous. of pairs | 31, 019 | 33, 058 | 32, 708 | 32, 313 | 34, 212 | 43, 946 | 36, 807 | 37, 273 | 32, 129 | 28, 690 | 33, 885 | 35,651 | ${ }^{-34,551}$ |
| Athle fabric (satin, canvas, etc) | 349 907 | ${ }_{591}^{283}$ | 314 530 | 303 456 | $\begin{array}{r}276 \\ 255 \\ \hline 85\end{array}$ | 365 239 | 361 279 | 442 336 | 385 | 323 277 | 274 414 | ${ }_{529}^{285}$ | 311 -824 |
| Part fabric and part leather....-. do. | 692 | 646 | 358 | 293 | 385 | 576 | 529 | 678 | ${ }_{566}$ | 873 | 1,291 | 1,299 | r 1 , 048 |
| High and low cut, total........-. do. | 25,553 | 28, 238 | 27, 553 | 26, 751 | 29, 288 | 37, 119 | 29, 993 | 29,250 | 24,696 | 23,694 | 30, 298 | 31, 324 | r 29,538 |
| - Boys' and youths'...--......-- do | 1,046 | 1,356 | 1, 404 | 1,355 | 1,404 | 1,848 | 1,505 | 1,477 | 1,172 | 1, 106 | 1,169 | 1,178 | ${ }^{-1,067}$ |
| Infants' ${ }^{\text {Misses' }}$ and children's | 1,703 <br> $\mathbf{2} 825$ <br> 825 | 1,028 <br> 3,172 | 1,900 3,485 | 2,038 3,623 | 1,890 3,421 | 2,167 4,221 | 1,981 | 2,170 $\mathbf{3}, 783$ | 1,923 3,228 | 1,628 | 1,888 <br> $\mathbf{3}, 803$ <br> 8 | 1, $\begin{aligned} & 1,894 \\ & 3,816\end{aligned}$ | 1,821 |
|  | 7,587 | 7,663 | 7,753 | 7,929 | 7,677 | 10, 106 | 8, 592 | 9,568 | $\stackrel{9}{9,036}$ | 7, 939 | 8 8,985 | 9,094 | -8,337 |
|  | 12,392 | 14, 019 | 13, 011 | 11,807 | 14,896 | 18, 776 | 14,233 | 12,252 | 0, 336 | 9,663 | 14,403 | 15,343 | - 14,700 |
| Slippers and moceasins for housewear thous. of pairs |  | 2,523 | 3,064 | 3,776 | 3,679 | 5,316 | 5,396 | 6,283 | 6,888 | 3,285 |  | 1,870 |  |
| All other footwear-..-.....---...-do. | ,854 | 2,777 | 889 | ${ }^{3} 733$ | ${ }^{3} \mathbf{3 2 9}$ | 5,330 | 5,251 | 6,283 | $\begin{array}{r}6,881 \\ \hline 18\end{array}$ | 3,239 | 1, 355 | 1,845 | $\underset{r}{2} \mathbf{5 4 2}$ |
| METALS AND MANUFACTURES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pig iron and iron manulactures: Castings, malleable: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Orders, new .---.-......--.....-short tons.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 40, 529 | 31, 240 | 30,840 | 30,781 | 28,836 | 40,212 | 41, 427 | 54, 263 | 50, 143 | 53, 663 | 63, 372 | 42, 163 | 39, 881 |
| Percent of capacity....-.....----.........- | - 41.975 | 38.8 33,666 | 37.8 32657 | 37.0 32,560 | 35.3 26.169 | 47.9 33,289 | 50.5 | 66.3 49807 | 69,6 54,038 | ${ }_{53} 6.75$ | 52.088 | 5417 | 48.7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New-.............. number of boilers.. | 51,062 | 69,772 | 68, 191 | 59, 277 | 53,914 | 66,082 | 133, 384 | 98, 692 | 80, 265 | 72,380 | 69, 407 | 55,026 | 55, 339 |
| Unflled, end of month, total.......do.... | 18, 507 |  |  | 16, 245 | 19,671 | 16,694 | ${ }^{61,494}$ | 151,226 |  |  | ${ }^{36,086}$ | 24, 532 |  |
|  | 51,012 51,716 | 53,454 60,475 | 67,610 66,995 | ${ }_{6}^{63,696}$ | 47, 894 50,488 | 69,656 69,059 | 86,069 | 110,988 108,960 | 84,181 82,492 | 81, ${ }^{8166}$ | 79,565 77,534 | 66,039 66,580 | 59,319 60,710 |
|  | 34, 158 | 31, 442 | 32,057 | 31, 472 | 28,878 | 29,475 | 26, 960 | 28,988 | 30,677 | 34,763 | 36,794 | 36, 253 | 34,862 |
| Wool: Page 157 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A pparel class.-------.-----thous. of lb .. | 17,471 | 19,567 | 20,244 | 23,772 | 27, 489 | 24,707 | 25,006 | 33, 884 | ${ }^{26,436}$ | 22,378 | 28, 188 | 21,302 | 17,709 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Looms: <br> Woolen and worsted: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Broad.........-thous. of active hours.. | 1,088 | 1,338 | 1,577 | 1,790 | 1,761 | 1,698 | 1,551 | 1,792 | 2,041 | 2,046 | 1,853 | 1,687 | 1,129 |
| Narrow-..........-.-..............do...- | 52 | 62 | 69 | 72 | 69 | 82 | 84 | 96 | 103 | 78 | 69 |  | 58 |
|  | 183 | 198 | 176 | 179 | 147 | 185 | 196 | 221 | 213 | 197 | 200 | 195 | 186 |
| Spinning spindles: <br> Woolen. $\qquad$ do. $\qquad$ | 54, 658 | 55,699 | 63,346 | 72, 136 | 73, 650 | 77,201 | 74, 172 | 81,686 | 80,488 | 74,381 | 73,328 | 70, 764 | 65,888 |
| Worsted ---.-......................-d. do..-. | 31, 173 | 67,609 | 79, 174 | 82, 889 | 71,432 | 77, 654 | 81,961 | 106, 185 | 103, 487 | 84, 179 | 71,344 | 67, 472 | 51, 750 |
| Worsted combs..-.....................do. |  |  | 117 | 136 | 132 | 144 | 144 | 168 | 157 | 133 | 137 | 127 | 100 |

$\rightarrow$ Revised.
tRevised series. National Industrial Conference Board data relating to weekly hours of work and factory average weekly and hourly earnings revised beginning 1934; see table 2, p. 18, of the January 1940 StrVer. Production of boots, shoes, and slippers revised for 1939 ; see footnote on p. 47 of the May 1940 issue.

IData for April, July, and October 1939 and January and April 1940 are for 5 weeks, other months 4 weeks.


[^0]:    - Revised. (i) Quotations not available August 26-October 16, $1939 . \quad{ }^{6}$ Quotations not availlable since May 8 , 1940 .

